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SUBJECT: SEPT. 17 EA PRESS SUMMARY

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1. SEVERAL PAPERS REPORT OFFENSIVE PERIMETER-WIDENING PROBES BY GKR FORCES AT KOMPONG CHAM FOLLOWING DEFEAT OF ALL-OUT KI ATTACK; BUT SOME REPORTERS NOTE THAT GOVT. PAID HEAVY PRICE IN CASUALTIES AMONG BEST UNITS. SOUTHERLAND (CSM) SEES GKR MORALE RISING, SAYS TROOPS FOUGHT MUCH BETTER THAN EXPECTED AFTER US BOMBING STOPPED BUT, LIKE OTHER CORRESPONDENTS, HE WONDERES ABOUT LONG-RANGE OUTLOOK. HE QUOTES VETERAN DIPLOMAT IN PP SAYING SITUATION CANNOT BE CALLED GOOD WHEN SOME OF BEST TROOPS TOOK CASUALTIES AND RTE. 4 AND 5 STILL CUT, ADDING, 'I'M AFRAID THE CAMBODIANS ARE GOING TO OVERSTRESS THE VICTORY AT KOMPONG CHAM'.

2. AP (SUN) REPORTS KI CUT RTE.1 ONLY 9 MILES FROM PP, AND SUN AND OTHERS REPORT NEW INCREASE OF REFUGEES MOVING TOWARDS CAPITAL. ACCORDING UPI (NYDN) ROAD CUT 8 MILES E.OF PP AS 500 KI SURROUNDED AND ATTACKED 400 FANK TROOPS.

3. AFP'S MICHAEL WAY AT KOMPONG CHAM DESCRIBES ACRID SMELL OF DEATH, DEVASTATION AND FRIGHTENED PEOPLE

AFTER 2 WEEKS OF HORROR. SAYS 150,000 POPULATION DOWN TO 100,000 WITH 30,000 MEN (ACCORDING TO OFFICIAL STATISTICS) ABDUCTED BY COMMUNISTS. MG SAR HOR SAYS DISCIPLINE A MAJOR PROBLEM. REFUSING COMMENT ON REPORTS OF EXECUTIONS OF OFFICERS, HE ADMITTED THAT AVERAGE OF 50 SOLDIERS DAILY HAD BEEN JAILED FOR "BAD BEHAVIOR" IN TOWN. SAR HOR BELIEVES KI NOW HAVE 28 BATTALIONS AROUND TOWN, AND WAY SAYS THAT POPULACE, PATHETICALLY UNCLASSIFIED

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PICKING AROUND RUINED HOMES OR HOPING FOR CHOPPER RIDE TO PP, HAVE NO MEANS OF ESCAPE (PHINQ).

4. SEN. STENNIS ON "FACE THE NATION" SAID HE HAD BEEN INFORMED ABOUT 1970 BOMBING RAIDS IN CAMBODIA, BUT "DID NOT CATCH THE VASTNESS OF IT...MY KNOWLEDGE WAS LIMITED MORE OR LESS TO THIS PLACE OF REFUGE THEY WERE GOING TO" (AP, SUN).

5. UPI VIENTIANE CITES DIPLOMATIC INFORMANTS THERE SAYING SUNDAY THAT ABOUT 200 OF 1,000 AMERICANS NOW IN LAOS WILL BE WITHDRAWN AS PEACE AGREEMENT COMES INTO EFFECT. OFFICIALLY UNAFFECTED BY SETTLEMENT, BUT LIKELY TO BE PULLED OUT, SOURCES SAY, ARE HUNDREDS OF US MILITARY ADVISERS, CIA OPERATIVES AND OTHERS WHO WERE ABLE TO COMMUTE TO LAO WAR FROM UBON AIRBASE.

IN BANGKOK, DOD DEPUTY SEC. CLEMENTS SAID HE HOPES NEW LAOS PEACE AGREEMENT WILL PERMIT US TEAMS SEARCH FOR ESTIMATED 350 AMERICAN AIRMEN OFFICIALLY LISTED MISSING IN LAOS (PHINQ, NYDN).

6. NVN NEWS AGENCY REPORTS HANOI SENT DOS NOTE FRIDAY REJECTING US ALLEGATIONS THAT NVN HAS BUILT OR REPAIRED MILITARY AIRFIELDS OR MISSILE SITES IN SVN IN VIOLATION OF C-F (UPI,PHINQ).

7. IN SVN SUNDAY, VIOLATIONS OF BATTLEFIELD ARMISTICE DROPPED TO LOWEST POINT IN MONTHS, WITH NO "SIGNIFICANT" BATTLES REPORTED ANYWHERE IN COUNTRY (UPI PHINQ, NYT, NYDN, WP).

8. IN NAVY DAY SPEECH, THIEU SAYS: "IN ATTAINING SELF-DETERMINATION, WE MUST DEMAND THAT THE COMMUNISTS MUST TAKE PART IN FREE ELECTIONS" AMONG SVN'S PEOPLE (UPI WP, PHINQ, NYDN).

9. DURING HOUR-LONG HANOI SPEECH SUNDAY NIGHT, CASTRO SAID HE VISITED VC-CONTROLLED SVN AREA; OMITTS SAYING WHEN AND WHERE VISIT WAS MADE (AP WSJ, SUN). AFP IDENTIFIES SITE AS CAMLO, IN QUANGTRI PROVINCE (WP).

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CHINA

10. PAPERS BRIEFLY NOTE POMPIDOU CONFERRED AGAIN WITH CHOU AT HIS LAST STOP, SHANGHAI, IN WINDUP OF TOUR THAT BEGAN AUSPICIOUSLY BUT NOW APPEARS HUNG UP ON DIFFERENCES OVER WORDING OF COMMUNIQUE. MEANWHILE, PHILA SYMPHONY PLAYED MERRILY FOR VIP CROWD DESCRIBED BY AMB. BRUCE AS "ASTONISHINGLY HIGH LEVEL TURNOUT AND A TREMENDOUS COMPLIMENT" TO THE US. WEBSTER (PHINQ) AND NYT MUSIC CRITIC SCHONBERG REPORT CHIANG CHING'S GARB (BLACK DRESS, WHITE SHOES), HER PRAISE FOR ORMANDY AT RECEPTION AFTERWARDS (HE HAD CONDUCTED CONCERT FOR CHINA RELIEF IN WWII) AND HER GIFTS TO PLAYERS OF CASSIA (WEBSTER) OR CINNAMON (SCHONBERG) FROM HER OWN GARDEN. EVENING OBVIOUSLY WENT SWIMMINGLY WITH CHIANG CHING DISPENSING GIFTS AND PRAISE (SHE TOLD ORMANDY TO REST, SAYING "WATER SHOULD FLOW IN A SMALL STREAM SO THAT IT MAY FLOW LONG"/. WEBSTER NOTED THAT IN THIS, THE 3RD CONCERT IN 3 DAYS, SIDE BALCONIES WERE CLEARED FOR SECURITY REASONS.

11. IN SEPARATE ARTICLE DESCRIBING PEKING, WEBSTER OBSERVES THAT WALLS FACING THE STREETS HIDE PEKING'S INNER LIFE FROM OUTSIDERS. REMARKS ON GENERAL DISCIPLINE AMONG CHILDREN (WITH NOTABLE EXCEPTION), LACK OF BIRDS

AND DOGS, AND BICYCLE/AUTO ADVENTURES WHICH MAKE THE STREETS LIKE SAN SEBASTIAN DURING RUNNING OF THE BULLS.

12. NYT HAS LENGTHY BIO ON DR. MAURICE WILLIAM, DENTIST SON OF IMMIGRANT RUSSIAN TAILOR WHOSE BOOK DEBUNKING SOCIALISM HAD PROFOUND EFFECT ON SUN YAT-SEN IN 1924.

13. NYT'S LELYVELD IN HK REPORTS PRC DISCLOSURE OF EXISTENCE OF HIGH-LEVEL STATE ORGANIZATION - DEVOTED TO BIRTH CONTROL PROMOTION. DISCLOSURE CONTAINED IN NCNA DISPATCH ANNOUNCING DEPARTURE OF DELEGATION TO WHO SYMPOSIUM ON "FERTILITY REGULATING AGENTS". LELYVELD SAYS SEES FACT THAT ORGANIZATION REPORTS DIRECTLY TO STATE COUNCIL AS UNCLASSIFIED

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INDICATING DEEPENING CONCERN OVER POPULATION PROBLEM AMONG PRC LEADERS. HE SAYS EMERGENCE OF BIRTH PLANNING GROUP COINCIDES WITH HINTS OF RENEWED IDEOLOGICAL DEBATE OVER METHODS OF POPULATION LIMITATION.

JAPAN

13. AP TOKYO REPORTS MANY OBSERVERS PREDICT DISTRICT COURT'S OUTLAWING OF JSDF WILL EVENTUALLY BE OVERTURNED; MEANWHILE, ISSUE AFFORDS LIVELY PUBLIC DISCUSSION IN JAPAN. GOJ INFORMATION OFFICER SAYS LEGAL BATTLES AND NEW COURT RULING HAVE HURT MORALE WITHIN FORCES AND RESULTED IN RECRUITING DIFFICULTIES (PHINQ).

14. JAPANESE FISHING VESSEL SUSPECTED OF VIOLATING US FISHING ZONES TAKEN INTO CUSTODY SATURDAY BY 2 COAST GUARD CUTTERS AFTER NIGHT-LONG CHASE. VESSEL ESCORTED TO KODIAK, PENDING US LEGAL ACTION (UPI WP, NYDN, NYT).

NEW ZEALAND

15. CSM'S MACLEOD, IN AUCKLAND, REPORTS NZ IS TO HAVE ITS FIRST ALL-POLYNESIAN RADIO STATION, BROADCASTING TO MAORIS AND IMMIGRANT PACIFIC ISLANDERS. KIRK HAS DECIDED TO DISMANTLE EXISTING NZBC AND REPLACE IT WITH 3 SEPARATE BODIES, ONE BEING "RADIO POLYNESIA" WITH SIGNAL STRENGTH ABLE TO REACH THROUGH NZ.

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

16. FROM HK, GOLO HSIN (PHINQ) REPORTS ON PROBLEMS OF LIBERATED WOMEN IN CHINA. CITES CASE OF 16-YEAR-OLD SHANGHAI GIRL ENSHRINED AS LABOR HEROINE BY NVNA WHO HAD TO OVERCOME INITIAL REVULSION AT BECOMING NIGHT SOIL COOLIE (WORK FORMERLY DONE BY MEN). ARTICLE NOTES STATISTICS (ATTRIBUTED TO UNSOURCED "REPORT")

OF PREVALENCE OF WOMEN LABORERS' DISEASES CAUSED BY
MALNUTRITION, WITH PHYSICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL STRAIN
ADDING TO PREDISPOSITION TO SICKNESS. IN QUOTATION
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WHICH SUGGESTS WRITER'S POLITICAL ORIENTATION, HE
CITES "KNOWLEDGABLE ANALYST OF MAINLAND TRENDS" THAT
MAOISM'S COMMON DENOMINATOR FOR BOTH SEXES IS MISERY.
SOURCE SAYS "NO LONGER ENJOYED BY MEN AND WOMEN ARE
THE FREEDOMS OF THOUGHT, EXPRESSION, ASSEMBLY, ASSOCIATION,
MOVEMENT, RESIDENCE, RESEARCH, STUDY, CREATIVENESS.
. .INSTEAD THEY ARE CAUGHT UP IN CONTROL, DEPRIVATION,
CONFUSION, ENSLAVEMENT, EXPLOITATION, BANISHMENT,
(THOUGHT) REFORM, HUMILIATION, STRUGGLE, PURGE, IMPRISON-
MENT, TORTURE, MASSACRE, CONFISCATION, ETC."

17. JOE ALSOP (WP, SUN) DISCUSSES DANGERS OF SOVIETS
MAKING STRELA MISSILES AVAILABLE THROUGH THEIR ME

CLIENTS TO TERRORISTS, BUT FINDS PERHAPS MORE OMINOUS
PRESENCE OF "MORE THAN A SQUADRON" NORTH KOREAN MIG
21 PILOTS IN EGYPT. ACCORDING ALSOP, NK PILOTS ARE
THERE AT SOVIET REQUEST.

18. CHITRIB'S JANEWAY SEES PRC FOLLOWING JAPAN'S
"SUCCESS STORY IN AMERICA" OF IMPORTING PRIMARY US
MATERIALS AND EXPORTING MANUFACTURED PRODUCTS TO US.
MAINTAINS LOW-PRICED, MASS-PRODUCED COTTON APPAREL
IS CHINA'S "TARGET" IN US MARKET. "SHE IS AIMING
SALVOS AGAINST LEVIS AS DEADLY AS TOYOTA AND DATSUN
AIMED AGAINST CHEVROLET AND FORD OR AS SONY DID AGAINST
G.E. SHE NEEDS AMERICAN RAW COTTON TO DO IT. IT'S
LITTLE WONDER, THEREFORE, THAT THE PRICE HAS TAKEN
OFF INTO THE WILD BLUE YONDER -- LIKE SOYBEANS, WHEAT,
AND CORN BEFORE IT, WITH NO LIMIT IN SIGHT ." COMMENDS
SEN. TALMADGE'S "FORMIDABLE TALENT FOR CALLING A SPADE
A SPADE ON THE LINE IN DEMANDING A NATIONAL COTTON
EXPORT POLICY." RUSH

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